

whose inspiring story displays the type of community North Texas has to offer.

Despite being born without the lower half of his left arm, Khen has always dreamed of following in his brother's footsteps by playing in his school's orchestra. As his teachers put it, "he's never let anything hold him back."

This dream was recently made possible by the ingenuity of several Nimitz High School engineering students, who took their lessons from class to tirelessly fashion a musical prosthetic for Khen.

After months of work and his new prosthetic dawned, Khen miraculously played the violin for his peers, parents, and teachers at a recent school board meeting.

Khen's dedication and passion for music proved that against all odds, anything is possible.

I thank Khen for inspiring us to reach for our goals—no matter the obstacles we may face. I also thank the brilliant students who made his dream become a reality. His creativity and compassion for others is a wonderful reflection of the spirit of Texas-24.

TRANSATLANTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3344 the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act to direct the Department of State and other federal agencies to help Central and Eastern European countries improve the security of their telecommunications networks.

To support eligible projects, the State Department shall provide diplomatic and political support and encourage international financial institutions to provide investment support.

This bill will strengthen national security cooperation by securing 5G development with our key allies and partners in Central and Eastern Europe.

In recent years, the United States and our allies have defeated increased threats from China and Russia that seek to expand their spheres of influence and undermine democratic institutions.

Recently, European countries have felt significant pressure to use Huawei 5G equipment, a state-linked Chinese information and communications technology company, giving China the ability to compromise allied critical telecommunications infrastructure.

5G networks are crucial to artificial intelligence platforms, which in the future will introduce immense national security and domestic economic implications.

Secure telecommunications are also critical for military interoperability with our European allies at a time when NATO coordination is needed now more than ever.

Given these critical national security needs, the United States must provide our allies an alternative to Chinese financing and provide increased diplomatic support to ensure secure telecommunications lines.

For this reason, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 3344 the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act.

HONORING MR. GORDON
HARGROVE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gordon Hargrove, a community advocate who has spent his career fighting to deliver basic services to the most vulnerable people in Worcester, Massachusetts.

In 1957, while attending Worcester State College, Mr. Hargrove began working as part-time staff at the multi-service neighborhood center, the Friendly House. Over the course of 65 years, Mr. Hargrove worked from his position as a volunteer at the Friendly House to the role of Executive Director, in which he has served for 52 years. During this time, Mr. Hargrove has used his passion and knowledge to fortify the Friendly House as an important service provider to Worcester's immigrant and low-income communities.

Mr. Hargrove played an integral role in securing funding for the construction of the main Friendly House building, which allowed for collaborative projects with family shelters across Central Massachusetts. In the 70s, he helped coordinate providing services to families with behavioral issues and advocated for health insurance providers to fund mental health services. Mr. Hargrove also spearheaded a program to provide meals to elders—making the Friendly House the first shelter in Worcester to do so. Today, most community service sites offer elder meal programs, undoubtedly due to the work of the Friendly House and Mr. Hargrove's leadership.

Madam Speaker, the impact of Mr. Hargrove's advocacy cannot be understated. Countless people have had food on their tables, roofs over their heads, and a job to go to everyday because of the services provided by the Friendly House and the community-based solutions Mr. Hargrove has championed. There has never been a problem too big to take on or a family he didn't try to help. For over half a century, Mr. Hargrove has led the Friendly House with nothing but compassion and goodness in his heart. He has devoted his professional life to being of service to others and the community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and all the people whose lives were changed for the better because of Mr. Hargrove's work, it is my great privilege to congratulate Mr. Gordon Hargrove on his retirement, and to thank him for his tireless efforts to create a more equitable world.

RECOGNIZING GUAM'S AUTISM COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION OF APRIL 2022 AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. During this month of April 2022, we take the time to recognize our autism commu-

nity while reflecting on the ways we can improve our efforts to foster awareness, cultivate acceptance, and facilitate change for individuals and families affected by autism. I would like to further commend Guam's Autism Community Together (ACT) for their continued leadership in advancing these very priorities both over the past month and year-round.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex, life-long developmental disability that can cause significant social, emotional, communication, and behavioral challenges. It is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States, with a prevalence that has risen from 1 in 125 children in 2010 to 1 in 54 in 2020. This disorder affects more than 70 million people worldwide, and in Guam, 273 students within the Guam Department of Education have autism. However, this number does not include hundreds of others on our island who are adults, students outside of the public school system, and those that may be undiagnosed.

The entire world has shared in over two years of innumerable challenges imposed by COVID-19, but it is of the utmost importance that we do not let this hinder us from extending compassion and care to others. Groups like the autism community face a unique set of obstacles that have been exacerbated by the global pandemic, and it is critical that we remain steadfast in actively working to improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families. Over the years, we have made strides in increasing autism awareness, but much more lies ahead for us to accomplish. Part of this work includes a commitment to bridging the gap between mindful awareness and meaningful action. With a collective effort to drive the movement forward by connecting the two, we can simultaneously break down stigmas and build a society which accepts and appreciates all people. Moreover, by supplementing awareness with more opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care, and comprehensive long-term services, we can ensure that people with autism have the tools to live fully in all areas of life.

ACT has tirelessly advocated for these objectives since 2004, and this year, they have admirably brought the 2022 theme, "Every Piece Matters—Accept & Support Autism," to life with various events and projects for the entire island community to participate in. Namely, they hosted an Autism Awareness Wave and Parade, their annual Autism Awareness Fair, a Funtastic Park Day, a Family Duck Ride Adventure, Movie Day, Bowling Day, 2K/5K Sunset GLOW Run, and a Mass of Thanksgiving. They are also scheduled to host a Golf Tournament today and have maintained a vital platform for our local legislature and administration to recognize the autism community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to reflect upon the importance of coming together as a community and supporting those who have been affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder. Moreover, I am humbled to serve in pursuit of a more inclusive society which fosters understanding and celebrates our differences. On behalf of the people of Guam, I thank Autism Community Together as well as other non-profit organizations, government agencies, service providers, support vendors, and community partners across the island who are committed to providing the information, resources, programs, and services necessary for